

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24 and 27, 29-31 are pending in the present application and Claims 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 are cancelled by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Notice of Allowance, Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, 12-15, 17, 19-22, 24 and 26-31 were allowed.

In the present response Claims 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 were cancelled and no claims were amended.

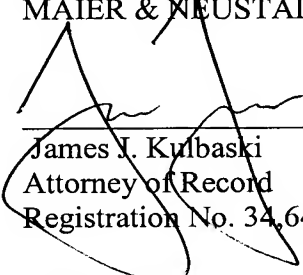
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed again to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24 and 27, 29-31 is earnestly solicited.

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